

(a) whether West Bengal Government has submitted a revised/modified scheme for the construction of a Thermal Power Station at Sagardighi (Manigram) in Murshidabad District, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of the Scheme alongwith the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The project report in respect of a thermal power station at Sagardighi in the Murshidabad district (envisaging the installation of five units of 210 MW each and two units of 500 MW each at an estimated cost of Rs. 2078 crores) was received in the Central Electricity Authority who could techno-economically appraise the proposal after essential inputs, such as the availability of coal and cooling water, etc., are tied up and necessary clearances including from the environmental and civil aviation angles have become available. The State authorities have been informed accordingly.

Opening of Post Office in Rural Areas

3507. SHRI H.B. PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branch and sub-post offices proposed to be opened in the rural areas of different States in 1989-90;

(b) the district-wise number of rural post offices proposed to be opened in Karnataka during 1989-90; and

(c) whether the villages of Bagalkot district have also been identified for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The information is furnished in the statement below.

(b) This has not yet been finalised.

(c) Yes, Sir. A Post Office is proposed to be opened in Gorabal Mandal Panchayat in Bagalkot Division of Bijapur District.

STATEMENT

Annual Plan 1989-90

Statewise Targets for opening of New Post Offices

<i>State/Union Territories</i>	<i>Number of new post office proposed to be opened</i>	
	<i>Rural branch post offices</i>	<i>Department sub offices in project areas/developing areas.</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1. Andhra Pradesh	80	6
2. Assam	140	5
3. Bihar	175	6

	1	2	3
4.	Gujarat	70	9
5.	Haryana	20	4
6.	Himachal Pradesh	70	4
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	50	2
8.	Karnataka	80	6
9.	Kerala	70	5
10.	Madhya Pradesh	175	6
11.	Maharashtra	150	7
12.	Manipur	20	2
13.	Meghalaya	20	2
14.	Nagaland	15	2
15.	Orissa	120	7
16.	Punjab	30	3
17.	Rajasthan	120	6
18.	Sikkim	15	2
19.	Tamil Nadu	80	6
20.	Tripura	20	3
21.	Uttar Pradesh	275	5
22.	West Bengal	140	6
23.	Andaman Nicobar Islands	6	2
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	15	2
25.	Chandigarh	—	2
26.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	5	1

	1	2	3
27. Delhi		5	4
28. Goa		20	3
29. Mizoram		10	1
30. Pondicherry		4	1
Total		2000	120

Note: The targets indicated above are liable to be revised taking into account shortfalls, if any, in the current years' targets and other factors.

Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchange in Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

3508. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an electronic telephone exchange in Hoshiarpur (Punjab); and

(b) if so, when it will be set up there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. At present there is no proposal to setup electronic exchange at Hoshiarpur.

(b) Does not arise.

Manufacture of High Technology bulk Drugs

3509. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the bulk drugs which have been treated as involving high technology and for which foreign companies have applied for industrial licences during the last three years;

(b) the nature of technology involved in the production of these bulk drugs;

(c) whether such technology can be developed in the country;

(d) if so, the efforts made in this regard; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALARA O): (a) and (b). There are a number of drugs involving high technology. However, only 66 items are open to FERA companies as contained in the "Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India". FERA companies had applied for manufacture of the following drugs during the last three years:—

1. Vitamin B6
2. Theophylline
3. Aminophylline
4. Hydroxyethyl Theophylline
5. Oxyclozanide
6. Tinidazole